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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE VISIT TO BERBERA

REF: A) STATE 150219 DTG 252320 JUNE (NOTAL)
B) STATE 151189 DTG 262228Z JUNE (NOTAL)

1. SENATE PARTY SCHEDULED TO DEPART ANDREWS AFB JULY 2
ON AIR FORCE VC-135. ITINERARY PLANNED FOR SENATE COM-
MITTEE VISIT TO BERBERA AS FOLLOWS:

DEPT ANDREWS AFB JULY 2, 1730 ZULU (1330 LOCAL)
ARR ATHENS JULY 3, 0400 ZULU (0600 LOCAL) (REFUEL)
DEPT ATHENS AFB JULY 3, 0600 ZULU (0800 LOCAL)
ARRIVE MOGADISCIO, JULY 3 , 1215 ZULU (1515 LOCAL)
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DEPT MOGADISCIO JULY 5, 0800 ZULU (1100 LOCAL)

RETURN ITINERARY WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST, PROBABLY
INCLUDING RON AT ATHENS JULY 5.

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2. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: SENATOR HENRY BELLMON (R-OKLA); SENATOR DEWEY F. BARTLETT (R-OKLA); MR. JAMES NOYES, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ISA, NEAR EASTERN AFRICAN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS; MR. MIKE REXROAD, SENATE STAFF; MR. JAMES SMITH, SENATE STAFF; LTC ENSOR RODRIGUEZ-LOPEZ, DOCTOR; MR. ANGELO J. COLLURA, CIVILIAN; MR. CLAYTON B. ADAMS, GS-14; MAJOR ANDREW B. CASANI, USA; MR. ALBERT E. GRAHAM, CIVILIAN; CAPTAIN GEORGE M. MICHAELIDIS, USAF; MAJOR FRED M. SIMS, ESCORT OFFICER; MASTER SERGEANT RAYMOND H. PRITCHETT; CREW.

3. FOR MOGADISCIO : SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU HAS TOLD SENATE STAFFER THAT GSDR IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE ACCOM-MODATIONS FOR DELEGATION. YOU SHOULD TELLL GSDR THAT EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IF GSDR WISHES, BUT NO OBJECTION IF HOST GOVT TAKES CARE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS IF THAT IS THEIR CUSTOM.

4. USE OF U.S. AIR FORCE C-130 IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR BERBERA VISIT FOR (A) VIEW OF BERBERA FACILITIES FROM THE AIR, (B) OUR OWN FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES, (C) COMMUNICATIONS, AND (D) TO FACILITATE SOME CONTROL OVER VISIT AND CONTROL OF TIME ON GROUND AT BERBERA. EUCOM C-130 WOULD ARRIVE MOGADISCIO 3 JULY AND BE IN POSITION WHEN SENATE PARTY ARRIVES. C-130 WOULD AIRLIFT PARTY EARLY 4 JULY FROM MOGADISCIO TO BERBERA AND RETURN THAT EVENING. DOD WOULD ALSO WANT C-130 TO REMAIN IN PLACE IN MOGADISCIO TO ACCOMMODATE POSSIBLE AIRLIFT OF HOUSE GROUP ON 6 JULY.

5. REQUEST YOU APPROACH GSDR FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ITINERARY AND IN-COUNTRY USE OF C-130. IN YOUR APPROACH ON THIS REQUEST YOU SHOULD CONVEY OUR PREFERENCE FOR C-130, BUT INFORM US SOONEST IF GSDR DOES NOT ACCEPT C-130 AND INSISTS ON USE OF OWN PLANES. DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME SOMALI ESCORT OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY THEM ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

C-130 AND HOPES GSDR WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND, IF POSSIBLE, HELICOPTERS FOR USE AT BERBERA.

6. FOR ATHENS: REQUEST BRIEFING BY DAO REP ON DEBRIEFING OF GREEK CREW MEMBERS OF LORD BYRON.

7. FOR ALL. PARTY WOULD PREFER NO PROTOCOL OR FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, SINCE SENATE DELEGATION INVITED BY GSDR AND SHOULD, AS SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU HAS SAID,

PRESIDENT SIAD OR OTHERS INVITE DELEGATION TO PROTOCOL FUNCTION, DELEGATION WOULD, OF COURSE, ACCEPT HOSPITALITY.

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